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National Cadet Advisory Council Shines at NCASE

The National Cadet Advisory Council (NCAC) contributed much to the Cadet Program of the 21st Century as they met 10 - 13 April in Little Rock, Arkansas in conjunction with the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education.

Originally established in the 1960's and re-convened in 1994 as part of Brigadier General Richard Anderson's Operation Cadet Phoenix program, the NCAC represents each of the CAP regions. These selected cadets participate in frequent conference calls and gather twice annually to discuss cadet concerns and initiatives on a national scale.

"I'm so pleased with the results of this gathering.", said Doug Isaacson, Director of Cadet Programs, HQ CAP. "The NCAC came prepared with fresh ideas and insights. Their comments and suggestions were of strategic significance, and they accomplished much more than we anticipated."

Among the projects worked on were the Standard Operating Procedures for the National Color Guard Competition, and an evaluation of the present Staff Duty Analysis requirements.

The NCAC formulated the proposed SOP for the Color Guard Competition, which will be staffed at National Headquarters and will be sent on for final approval. They

also established a committee to examine and possibly re-shape Staff Duty Analysis to make it more user

friendly to Phase III and IV cadets.

In addition, the NCAC also discussed the Ira C. Eaker Award, its implementation and possible benefits, CAP's relationship with JROTC from all services, and Spaatz exam grading procedures.

USAF Colonel Ross Bradie, Rocky Mountain Liaison Region Commander, briefed the council on his Operation Torch initiative and the Senior Cadet Leader program (seen in past editions of CPT). The council was particularly pleased with the increased interface between senior members and cadets that these initiatives represent.

C/LtCol Kenneth Martin, NCAC Chairman, summed up the weeks activities, "We had a very productive meeting. We looked at many issues of concern to cadets, and I believe we are making a positive difference."



Uniform Chits Set for Release This Month

The annual uniform chit program will begin this month. Act quickly to take advantage of this money-saving opportunity for your cadets.

Each year, the USAF gives CAP funding to purchase uniforms for new cadets. This year, up to 4,000 sets of uniforms will be available.

The chits this year will be used to supply the following uniform sets:

- a. Uniform trousers (or skirts)
- b. Short sleeve shirt
- c. Shoes
- d. Flight cap
- e. Uniform belt & buckle

Chit request forms will be mailed to the wing headquarters by 9 May 1996. Wings must return the completed chits to CAP USAF/LGS no later than 1 July 1996.

For more information, please contact Ms. Shala Glennon, CAP-USAF/LGS at 334-953-5737, or your wing logistics officer.

Headquarters

National Headquarters Cadet Programs recently had the privilege of hosting a delegation of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and Air Training Corps (AIRC) members.

Sqdn Ldr John Deering, RAAF, and Sqdn Ldrs Kevin Lewis and John Ritchie, AIRC, visited National Headquarters as part of a North American tour to explore the companion youth programs: the Air Cadet League of Canada, and Civil Air Patrol. As members of the International Air Cadet Exchange Association (IACEA), they wished to look at our programs to better prepare their cadets who exchange with us annually.

The Australian Air Training Corps is an organization similar in structure and organization to the CAP, with its parent organization being the RAAF. Established 28 April 1941, AIRC endeavors to promote leadership and personal growth through training in a structured military environment.

During their time in the United States, they visited Washington DC, as well as Maxwell Composite Sqdn, Alabama Wing, the Jon E. Cramer Composite Sqdn 10, California Wing, and Hickham Composite Squadron, Hawaii Wing. Their visits gave them perspective of local CAP operations in different regions of the country.

Headquarters Civil Air Patrol staff and CAP-USAF Vice Commander Colonel Dennis Parkhurst gave the delegation briefings on CAP operations and USAF support of the CAP on a national level.

“It was a beneficial visit for all of us”, said CAP Major Christopher Shaw, Chief of Program Management for Cadet Programs. “It was very fortunate for the Australian delegation to have the capability to see CAP operations in different parts of the country. We all felt that it would give them a better idea of how CAP operational, educational, and cadet programs can adapt to different economic, climate, and social conditions throughout America.

“In return, they gave us the unique perspective of looking at CAP from the outside; and I think they were impressed with what they saw.”

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to the members of the Pacific Region staff, Maxwell Composite Squadron, Jon E. Cramer Composite Squadron 10, Hawaii Wing Liaison Office, and Hickham Composite Squadron for their outstanding assistance during this tour. We would not have been able to do this without you!

Cadet Programs Notes

1. If you were selected for IACE or a National Cadet Special Activity, please do not forget to send in your acceptance forms and information packages by the deadline. We need them on time to be sure that all preparations are ready for the cadet's transportation for IACE and accommodations for activities.

2. There are still limited vacancies for cadets and seniors at several of our special activities, including the National Ground Search and Rescue School, and the National Flight Encampments in New Jersey and California. Please contact National Headquarters/CPS for a detailed list of vacancies and staff opportunities today!

3. As summer draws near, many cadets will be testing in order to complete achievements before going to summer activities and encampments. Be sure to check your testing files to ensure you have the correct tests and current answer sheets. If you have questions, contact Cadet Programs. We can help!

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